

Columbia African American Association  
Memorial Scholarship  
2017 Application Packet

*“Honoring our classmates;  
recognizing our mentors;  
providing educational op-  
portunity for our youth.”*



**Columbia PROUD...Columbia STRONG!**

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Columbia African American Association (CAAA) is committed to the development of America's youth; specifically targeting African American students living in the Columbia, Missouri area. Our children are the future leaders of America and we accept the challenge and responsibility of preparing them for success. Our top priority is to cultivate and develop **responsible citizens and leaders**.

CAAA has established a scholarship fund to assist talented young African Americans in their pursuit of higher education. The CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund will be presented in honor of former Columbia African American high school students who are now deceased. Applicants must meet strict eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Children, relatives and friends of CAAA members are eligible to compete for the scholarship; however they must adhere to the same strict requirements.

Individuals applying for the CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund must complete the entire application packet and submit to:

Columbia African American Association (CAAA)

ATTN: CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund

C/O Keener Tippin: [adiyb06@yahoo.com](mailto:adiyb06@yahoo.com)

**THIS IS THE OFFICIAL 2017 CAAA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2017**

This application is intended to provide general information about the applicant, and give the scholarship committee a glimpse into your personality; your academic and personal successes; and your future goals/ambitions. Our scholarship committee will review and score all applications and announce the winners NLT March during CAAA's annual scholarship program. The applicant must meet strict eligibility requirements and deadlines identified below to be considered. Applicants are completely responsible to ensure their application is complete and received by the deadline. Incomplete application packages and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Please follow **ALL** instructions carefully and ensure **ALL** eligibility requirements are met in order to receive full consideration of your submission.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be African American.
2. Applicant must possess/maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (cumulative).
3. Applicant must attend high school in Columbia, Mo.
4. Applicant must submit complete application packet **ELECTRONICALLY** no later than **JANUARY 31, 2017** (see below).
5. A **MINIMUM** of \$1,000 will be awarded for scholarship.

**Packet must include:**

**Section A:** General Information

**Section B:** Student Profile (BIO/Resume)

**Section C:** Written Essay

**Section D:** Official Academic Transcript

**Section E:** Letter of Recommendation

**Section F:** Disclaimer Form



## Section A – General Information

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth

5. Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

6. High school attended \_\_\_\_\_

7. Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor or Teacher Name

9. Counselor or Teacher Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

10. Current grade point average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

11. ACT SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

12. SAT SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

13. What college or university are you planning to attend (include address)?



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14. Have you been accepted by the college or university indicated above? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

15. If you have not been accepted, to what colleges or universities have you applied?

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16. I will enroll in an accredited college or university by Fall 2017. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Guardian

18. Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Ages \_\_\_\_\_

20. Please indicate (X) your family's adjusted income from last year's tax return.

\_\_\_\_\_ Under 30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000-\$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50,000-\$70,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Over  
\$70,000

21. Legacy Criteria

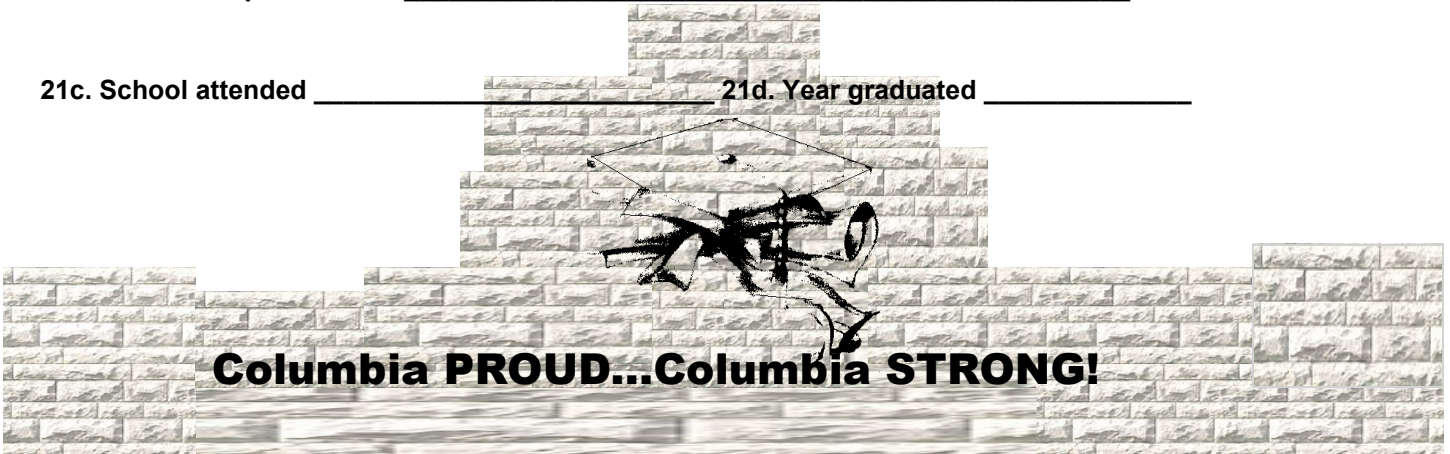
Do you have a family member (Mother, Father, Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle, Brother, Sister, etc.) who is an Alumni (Graduate) of Battle, Douglass, Hickman, or Rock Bridge High Schools? Yes or No If yes, complete the following information:

21a. \_\_\_\_\_

Name (include maiden name)

21b. Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

21c. School attended \_\_\_\_\_ 21d. Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_



## **Section B - Attach Student Profile (BIO/Resume)**

Submit a student profile /short biographical document describing you and your life. All of the following questions must be answered and all information must be included in the application package. Responses must be type-written.

1. Describe yourself (character traits)? Tell us about you and provide some insight into your personality.
2. Explain any major hardship or difficulties you've experienced in your life and how you've overcome them. What did facing and reacting to these hardships reveal about you?
3. What are your aspirations and goals for a successful future and career? What is your plan to achieve success?
4. How will your career goals enable you to contribute to your community?
5. Why should you receive the Columbia African American Association Scholarship?
6. List academic, athletic and leadership awards (example: honor roll, dean's list, Who's Who, state champs etc.,) and additional honors, and certificates.
7. List leadership role and participation with school activities (MAC Scholars Program, athletics, student government, membership in clubs / organizations, ROTC, cheerleading, band, drama club, booster club, and leadership roles such as team captain, student body president etc.).
8. List community involvement (example: Church, Big Brothers & Sisters, DARE, Adopt- A-Highway clean-up, Food bank, Homeless shelters, Boys & Girls Club etc.).
9. List training, job experience and skills, and major accomplishments not covered above.
10. Identify other scholarships received; provide name, amount and donor organization.



## Section C – Attach Written Essay

Please submit a TYPED 500-word essay on the following topic. In addition to spelling, punctuation and grammar, essay will be graded on:

**Content:** Does the content and overall message of the essay reflect the designated topic for the CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund contest?

**Creativity:** Does the writer put forth fresh new ideas in his/her speech? Is the writing creative and innovative?

**Clarity:** Does the presenter write clearly?

**2017 Essay Topic:** In January 2017, President Barak Obama will leave office. Please discuss what you believe will be the legacy of President Obama's eight years in office.

## Section D – Attach Official Academic Transcript

## Section E – Attach Recommendation Letter

## Section F – Complete Attached Disclaimer Form located below

Direct questions and concerns to point of contact listed below:

Keener A. Tippin II

Scholarship Committee Chair

CAAA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Hickman High School Alumni, "Class of 1979" Telephone: (573) 289-6536

Email: [adiyb06@yahoo.com](mailto:adiyb06@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://columbiaafricanamericanassociation.com>



## Section F — Disclaimer Form

Complete disclaimer information below:

I give permission to the Columbia African American Association Scholarship to use my name and photos in future CAAA publications (letters, web site, etc.). The parent/guardian signature is only required if student is 17 or younger.

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APPLICANT'S NAME

DATE

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME

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